To the Kings most Excellent Majesty [1717]

The Humble Petition of Henry Bostwick of the Province of Canada in North America but now of London Merchant on behalf of himself and twenty other persons whose names are hereunto subscribed

Sheweth

That Your Petitioner hath lately by his Travels & Searches in the Lands or Countrys of America bordering upon or about Lake Superior in the Country of the Ishipauwaws and other Indians in conjunction with Your other Petitioners or some of them found out and discovered several places where copper, copper Ores and other valuable Metals and Minerals may be procured which all Your Petitioners conceive will be highly advantageous to Your Majestys Kingdoms if in the hands of proper persons

That Your Petitioners are willing to hazard a share of their private property in working such Mines as now are or hereafter shall be discovered in about and under the said Lake Superior and a certain limitted distance not exceeding Sixty Miles into the several countrys in about and round the said Lake Superior upon Your Majestys most

graciously condescending to Patronize Your Petitioners by Your Royal Grant or Charter forming Your Petitioners into a Corporation for the purposes aforesaid

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray Your Majesty that you would be graciously pleased to Grant unto Your Petitioners all Mines, Minerals and Metals already discovered or hereafter to be discovered in any Lands Islands or places in about and under the said Lake Superior and the Countrys all round the said Lake within the distance of sixty Miles thereof and of any and every part thereof And that Your Petitioners may be incorporated with all the usual Powers or such Powers as to Your Majesty in Your Royal Wisdom and Goodness shall seem meet

And Your Petitioners as in all Duty bound shall ever pray and so forth

Henry Bostwick

Henry Bostwick for
- John Shinn
- Bapts Cadot
- Alexr. Henry

Alexr. Baxter Junr.

George Mc. Dougall

Ed: Walpole

John Lindsay

Shauncey Townsend
Thos Clarke
Saml Touchet
Joshua Readshaw
Alex Baxter
Wm Neate
Trat. Eyre
Thos Allan
Jno Cruikshanke
Jn Townson
BJ Littlehales
Martin Heugle Van Mierop
Wm Wynne Ryland

Endorsed Petition of Henry Bostwick /and others. (Read)
praying for a / Grant of all Mines discovered / in
the Lands bordering on / Lake Superior. / Referred to
The Board / of Trade / A. 3

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[1768?]

To the King's most Excellent Majesty (n.d.)
in Council —

The Humble Petition of Stephen Earl of Ilchester The Right Honourable Henry Lord Holland, Clotworthy Upton, Walter Paterson and Major Charles Lee in behalf of themselves and the other Proprietors of Lands and Inhabitants within the Tract of Land in America under mentioned

Sheweth,

That there is a large Tract of fertile Land Situated between the Lake Champlain and the Upper part of the River Connecticut which the Neighbourhood of the French and of the Indians under their Influence rendered it Unsafe for British Subjects to Inhabit untill the Possession of Canada became Secured to the Crown of Great Britain by the late Peace.

That the said Tract of Land is perfectly fitted by its Situation and the Nature of its Soil for the Production of Iron, Hemp, Flax, Pitch, Tar, Masts, Yards, Bowsprits and of every other Species of Naval Stores, Upon the Plenty of which the Welfare of these Kingdoms

so much Depends as well as every Necessary of Life for the Support of its own Inhabitants.

That the said Tract of Land was soon after the said Peace annexed to your Majestys Province of New York in Matters of Government and Jurisdiction, and that your Petitioners by Virtue of an Order of your Majestys most honourable Privy Council are Intitled under the Seal of the said Province to many Thousand Acres of Land which Your Petitioners are preparing to Settle and Cultivate forthwith.

(1764) That your Petitioners conceive that the Annexation of the said Tract to the Province of New York for Government and Jurisdiction was intended (the said Country being very Remote from the Seat of Government of that Province) only to last untill such Time as the Inhabitants of it should be sufficient to fill and Support the Offices of Government among themselves

That the said Country is now filling very fast with Industrious People and likely to become very Populous there being now Seven hundred Men and upwards fit to bear Arms, but your Petitioners and the other Inhabitants Labour under many Discouragements and Impediments arising from the Remoteness of the Capital

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of New York and that the Expences requisite for the obtaining Grants of Lands and for every other Application to the Government as well as the Ordinary Proceedings in Courts of Justice are a great Burthen both upon the New Set.tlers and upon the Proprietors of Lands and intolerable for the poorer Sort who are frequent.ly obliged to Submit to Oppression and Injustice rather than Travell Three hundred Miles for Redress.

That the Industry necessary for the full Improvement of this Country can only be carried to any considerable Height by a Suffi.cient and easy Security to the Industrious for the Enjoyment of its ffruits which Security can.not be effectually had but by the Institution of Courts of Justice near at Hand an Institu.tion too that may tend much to the Preser.vation of your Majestys white Pine Trees with which this Country abounds. —

/That there are many Political Inconve.[illegible]
.niences inseperable from extensive Governments which can never be so well Administred as Smaller and in which Popular Discontents must always be more Dangerous in Proportion to the Dis.tance from the Eye and Attention of Government

and which the wisest Politicians have always thought contrary to that policy which bids fair. est for the eternal Preservation of the Dependance of its Colonies on their Mother Country —

Your Petitioners therefore most humbly pray your Majesty to take the Premises under your Consideration and that the said Country may be Erected into a distinct Government or Colony under such Regulations and with such a Constitution as to your Majesty in your great Wisdom shall seem Meet.

And your Petitioners shall ever pray &c.

Ilchester
Holland
Clotworthy Upton

[In pencil] Endorsed Petition (...) the Earl of Ilchester, / Lord Holland &c.ª / Praying that a Tract of Land / belonging to them, Lying / between Lake Champlain, / & the upper part of the River / Connecticut, may be erected / into a distinct Government. / A 5

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[seal impressed on paper over wafer and ribbon]

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Moay it please your Moajesty,

In Obedience to your Moajesty's command, signified to us by the Earl of Hillsborough, one of your Moajesty's principal Secretaries of State, in his Lordship's Letter of the 20th of February last, we have taken into our Consideration the humble Petition of certain Persons, whose Names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the reasons therein contained, that your Moajesty would be graciously pleased to make a Grant to them of all Mines discovered, or to be discovered in the Country adjacent to Lake Superior; / and having [p. 306] been attended by the Petitioners, and heard what they had to offer in support of their Petition, we beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty,

That Copper is an Article of great Im-portance in the Manufactures and Commerce of this Kingdom; and as there is great reason to believe, from the Reports made of the Country described in the Petition, that it does abound with Mines of Copper Ore of a very rich and valuable Quality, we are of Opinion, that it

would be very adviseable to give all reasonable Encouragement to the discovery and working of such Mines to Persons of Substance and Ability under such Restrictions and Regulations as shall (Prop) be judged / expedient for your Majesty's Interest and Advantage: But as the System adopted by your Majesty's Proclamation of the 7th of October 1763 does preclude all Establishment in the interior Country adjacent to the Great Lakes; and as your Majesty's Interests in that Country do appear, from the Representations given of the present Temper and Disposition of the Indians, to be in a precarious State, and to make it prudent to avoid all Measures, that can possibly operate to encrease the Jealousy and Discontent of the Savages, we are humbly of Opinion, that any Determination upon the Prayer of this Petition should be suspended for the present, and that Copies of it should be transmitted to the Commander in Chief of Your Majesty's Forces in America, and to Sir William Johnson with directions to make a full Enquiry into (P 305) the Facts alleged, and the / practicability of the Proposals made in the said Petition, and to report their Opinion, what Effects the Execution of this Measure would probably have as to your

Majesty's Interests with respect to the Indians inhabiting that Country, and by what means they might be induced to consent to such Establishments, as would be necessary for obtaining the Advantages stated to arise from the Proposals made by the Petitioners, in case your Majesty should upon further Consideration think it adviseable to comply therewith.

Which is most humbly submitted,

Clare

Soame Jenyns

J. Dyson

Wm Fitzherbert

Whitehall
May 7. 1768

Endorsed Representation of the / Lords of Trade [p.s.r.] to His / Majesty, on Petition / for a Grant of Mines in / the Country adjacent to / Lake Superior. / In their Lordships of / 7th. May 1768.

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To the Right Honble the Earl of Hilsborough
One of His Majestys Principal Secretarys
of State &c.a &c.a &c.a

The Memorial of Lieutenant George
Mc. Dougal on half pay of the Royal
American Regiment

Most humbly Sheweth

That Your Memorialist has gone through the Duties of his Station in the late War, with a Fidelity, Alacrity and Zeal which has ever had the Approbation of his Superiors.

That the Accidents of Duty have for a Course of Years exposed Your Memorialist to the most constant fatigues and Dangers, namely the immediate service against the Savage Enemy, from whom he has Suffered the Severest Personal Hardships

That Your Memorialist was judged by Captn Campbell to be the most proper Person at Detroit to attend him when he left the Fort, in order to accommodate the Differences with the Savages, this dangerous though necessary peice of Duty Your Memorialist chearfully accepted of, and on that Service was Stript and Continually treated in the most cruel manner, and would certainly have been put to death if he had not made his

Escape while the Savages were murthering Captain Campbell.

That in the Year 1761 the Commanding Officer at Detroit granted to Your Memorialist leave to Cultivate a Small Island called Hog Island, three Miles above Detroit where accordingly he clear'd about fifty Acres, Built a House, and made a Little Settlement, all which were entirely ruin. ed by the Savages in the Subsequent War, by which he sustained a loss of upwards of Two Hundred Pounds

Your Memorialist therefore humbly prays, Your Lordship will be pleased in considera. tion of the Premisses to move His Majesty to to Secure to Your Memorialist and his family the effects of his Industry by a Royal Grant of the said Island called Hog Island as Detroit is at present an Extra Provincial Settlement.

And Your Memorialist will ever Pray &c.—

[P.S.2247] Endorsed To the Right Hon^ble. the / Earl of Hilsborough / The Memorial of Lieut. Geo: / Mc. Dougal on half / pay of / the Royal American Regint / Obtained an order in Council / for a Conditional Grant of Hog Island — / vide Plants Genl. A. / A. 12

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[C.O. 5617]

To the King's most Excellent Majesty in Council

The Petition of Gottfried Mosengeiln of Mosenheim Engineer and Chief Director of the Mines of His Serene Highness the Elector Palatine.

Most humbly Sheweth

That Your Majestys Petitioner has had several Opportunities to assay the Ore's brought from Your Majestys Provinces in America, which Your Petitioner found rich of Silver and Gold, That hence, Your Petitioner concluded, Your Majestys American Dominions must abound in rich Mines, which for want of experienced People in mining have hitherto, to the Prejudice of Your Majestys Revenues and to the disadvantage of Your Subjects, been left unworked.

That just before Your Petitioner's Departure from Palatine, Your Petitioner had seen and Spoke with John Caspari and ___ Bauman, two known [C.O. 362] creditable Merchants and Planters in New York, who came over to Germany on Business concerning their Trade, and gave Your Petitioner Such Account of the Mines, in general, existing in the Province of New york and its Environs, that the

Opinion, Your Petitioner had conceived before, was thereby greatly strengthned. — Mr Baumann, who possesses considerable Tracts of Land on the Moun. .tains in the said Province of New York, which he called by the Name of blue Mountains, and which he said, abound in rich Ore's, has given Your Petitioner a particular Account of the igno. .rance of the Miners he employed upon the Moun. .tains. — he said, that when they began to dig they soon discovered Layers of Quick. Silver, from which natural Quick. Silver came forth in large Quantities, which terrified them so much, that, at the Sight of it, they immediately withdrew and left the Mines, which have ever Since remained in the same State and Condition as these Mi. .ners have left them, Your Petitioner therefore conceives, that if a person, truly acquainted with [illegible] the art of Mining was to be employed, great things might be done in that Province — And as Your Petitioner has, both by Study and Prac. .tice, attained a true and perfect knowledge as well in the art of working the Mines as in the vari. .ous Operations of Melting, clearing, fining, Seperat. .ing and elaborating the Ore's, and having by the advice of the said Caspari and Baumann resolved to go to Your Majesty's Province of New

York, there to establish the Mines, Your Petition-
-er therefore humbly prays, that Your Majesty
would be graciously pleased to grant, Your
Petitioner, Your Majesty's most gracious Protec-
-tion, that Your Petitioner might, by a kind Rec-
-commendation to the Governor of Your Maje-
-ty's Province of New York, be countenanced in
this Your Petitioners undertaking, and Your
Petitioner shall ever pray.

Mosengeil v. Mosenheim

Tuesday 7th June
1768.

Endorsed Recd Letters of Recommendation / from [illegible]
My Lord Hillsborough / to the Govrs of New York,
and / New Jersey. / A 14

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My Lord.

It gives me great Satisfaction, to find the several Newspapers, universally concur, in placing your Lordship, once more at the Head of the Right Honorable Board of Trade & Plantations, so that I hope my Plans & Description of this Island, are by this Time under your Lordships Protection, & that they will merit the Encouragement afforded in the performing of them.—

When I sent the Plans & Description to England, being unacquainted with your Lordships Reestablishment, I took the Liberty to trouble your Lordship, with a Letter, & promised to send a Plan of this Island; which I have the pleasure to write is now gone by Halifax ....

I have sometime had Advice of the safe Arrival of Mr. Thomas Wright at Antiosti, & Lieut. Pringle at Chaleur Bay, which gives me Hopes that the Survey of those Parts, will be much advanced by next Spring, when I come to join them, & hope the Survey of St. Lawrance River, shall be finished to your Lordship's Satisfaction —

Since I have the Honor of being once more under the immediate Protection & Direction of your Lordship, whose Character for encouraging & benefiting

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your Country, by usefull Knowledge & Discovery, is so conspicuous; I shall with less Fear for my Presumption, take the Liberty of laying before your Lordship, my Thoughts on a Scheme, which is universally allowed to be replete with the greatest Advantages to the Nation: It is, my Lord, the discovery of the North West Passage.—

[p.vii] / What I have to offer on this Head at Present, is only the Result of what I have collected, at my leisure Hours, from sundry Authors personally concerned, who notwithstanding their Disappointments, yet agree in the Existence of such a Passage, but, that it is difficult to be sought for, on the Side of Hudson's Bay; the Difficulties which they mention, (exclusive of the Hudson's Bay Company) are all derived from the Climate, the Ice, &c, which are not so great, but that they may easily be obviated, when the Passage is fully known.—

The Russians have with great Spirit pushed their Discoveries thro' Siberia to Kamtshatcha, an Extent of upwards an 100 degrees of Longitude in that Parallel; & notwithstanding this Length, the Forests they passed thro'; & the small Advantages they had from navigable Rivers, (most of them emptying themselves into the Frozen Sea); they found Means to transport Materials for

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building of Vessels at Kamtshatcha, from whence (Sea)
they prosecuted their Discoveries, even to the Wester-
-most Parts of America, & have proved the Breadth
of this Continent, in those Parts opposite Hudson's
Bay not to exceed 45 Degrees of Longitude—

From Discoveries, & the natural Situation
of the Country of Hudson's Bay, the Rivers must
either run easterly into the Bay, or westerly into
the Pacific Ocean, for which Reason as well as
many others, I would, my Lord, propose the
setting out, by the Way of Nelson's River, & en-
-deavor by some convenient Communication, to
transport my Necessaries from thence thro' the
several Lakes, to the Heads of the Rivers that
run West, to the Pacific Ocean, & there build-
-ing two small Vessels, seek the Passage, & exa-
-mine those Discoveries laid down in the Maps
of other Nations, whether they are real or feigned.

It is not for me to acquaint your Lord-
-ship, (whose Knowledge in these Matters, is so
well known) how much it is incumbent on the
Nation, to exert itself once more on this Occasion,
& convince the World, that it is not owing to her
Inability, that she hath not explored these Parts,
tho' within her Dominions; but, that superior
Avocations having employed her Arms hitherto

she reserves these Works for a Time of Peace, & will with the first Opportunity, prove the Glory of her Name, & how worthy of the [high] [mean] Station she bears amongst maritime Powers —

[N.89] / This Discovery were it not a Matter of the highest Glory, & greatest Utility to the Nation, yet, the Necessity of preventing the Russians, or any other foreign State, from making Encroachments would more than speak in its Behalf — In short, my Lord, after the bold & almost incredible Attempts of Russia, a Nation, but of Yesterday; & of the meanest amongst those who pretend to maritime Affairs; & after the meritorious Endeavors of France, in resolving that Philosophical Problem, concerning the Figure of the Earth; all attended with so much Expence & only undertook to support their Love of the Arts; all Europe must look on Britain for the compleating of this Grand Project, & future Ages will read & admire with Pleasure, the Administration of your Lordship, whose Genius conducted, & inspirited so noble an Undertaking —

As I have before mentioned, this is only what I have been able to compile from Books & other Materials, & of consequence can be only the Outlines of a Project; but when I arrive in Canada, I shall be indefatigable in gaining what Intelligence

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I possibly can, & shall endeavor, if your Lord-
-ship approves of it, form the whole into a regu-
-lar System, by which Means, I hope to convince
the Right Honorable Board of the certainty of
these Suppositions, & that it is not the Glow of
Youth & Fancy, but the Result of deep Reflexion,
& of my Willingness to spend the Remainder of
my Life (being now 38); in the procuring some
-thing that should in giving Advantages to my
Country, redound in Honor to myself —

The greatest Obstacles to be expected, are
those the Hudson's Bay Company would create,
as the Expedition would be under the Necessity
of commencing at Nelson River; but under the
Auspices of the Right Honorable Board, I should
fear nothing sensible that were the Company
more selfinterested than they are represented;
yet the Authority of those, I have the Honor to
serve, would bear me thro', & prove the Welfare
of the Nation to be a superior Concern, to that
of a Monoply — But should it be thought ad-
-visable to put this Passage into the Hands of
a Company; that of Hudson's Bay would un-
-doubtedly be first taken Notice of; why then should
their narrow, selfish Views, interfere with those of [engos]
their Country, & why should the honest industrious

Manufactivers of Great Britain be debarred from vending their Labors to the utmost Extent.—

The Expences of this Undertaking would in Comparison be very moderate, as with the present Establishment, there would be only Occasion for the Addition of a small Schooner, to serve as a Tender to our Ship & a Company of 100 Rangers composed of Canadians & New Englanders, who are used to hunting, shipbuilding &c, all this would be nothing when ballanced with every other Consideration.—

Tho' I have been thus prolix, I am sensible of advancing nothing but what is well known to your Lordship, whose Determination on this Subject I shall with Pleasure submit to: yet should your Lordship think proper to encourage me, with Approbation, I would next Winter go to London, & lay my Proposals before the Right Honorable Board, when I would hope to convince the justness of my Intentions; & take Care, that the present Survey should not suffer in my Absence.

As I shall be happy in having this Matter, the sole Motion of your Lordship, I shall not write to any one further concerning it, but conclude, myself with the

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greatest Sincerity,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient & Most obliged

Humble Servant.

Samuel Holland

Louisburg. 10 Janry 1767.

P. S. As several Advices from England mentioned that the Commanders of armed Vessels, as well as other Officers belonging to them, are on the Point of being changed; I take the Liberty, to beg of your Lordship, to interfere should Lieut.t Mowat & Mr. David Bailai our Surgeon, be under that Order: notwithstanding, some misunderstandings between me & the former, I should still be glad to keep him, as those Matters have been settled, & I may have the same disagreeable Steps to undergo with his Successor; &, as to the latter, he has been of so much Service, in his Profession, that not a Man of the Party has been lost. I took the Liberty, to recommend, to the Hon.ble Board in a Letter to Mr. Secretf. Pownal, my having Mr. George Derbage, for an Assistant to me in Writing & compiling for their Lordships perusal; this Gentleman has been & is of great Service to me, my time

being much employed in the other parts of the Survey. I would beg the favor of your Lord. .ship's Concurrence in this, as it is so essential to me, to have Assistance, my Business accumu. .lating; this & other Reasons, will be informed your Lordship by. Mr self, Journal, as I have wrote him fully thereon —

The Right Honorable, the Earl of Hillsborough.

Endorsed [on face] Louisbourg 10th Jany 1767. / Mr Holland, - Surveyor / General. / (Proposing Discovery of the / North West Passage. / A 6

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(N.º 2) Whitehall March 8th. 1768. [A. 219]

Samuel Holland Esqr.

Sir,

The House of Commons having granted to His Majesty the Sum of £2,036. 14 for defraying the Expence attending General Surveys of His Majesty's Dominions in N.º America, for the Year 1768; I have His Majesty's Commands to transmit to you a Copy of the Estimate on which this Grant is founded.

This Estimate will point out to you what part of this Sum is appropriated to the Service under your Direction, and you will perceive the Attention which has been paid to your Request, for the Continuance of the Allowance of 10s p. Day to a Deputy Surveyor.-

In the Letter from the Board of Trade which accompanied this Estimate Notice is very properly taken / of the [illegible] Expence which has been unnecessarily incurred from your Surveys having been transmitted by persons sent over on that Account alone, You will therefore for the future transmit them in the Ordinary Methods of Conveyance, taking care that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

the Masters of Vessels, or other Persons to whom you entrust the Surveys, do give Receipts for them, and furnishing them with proper Instructions for the delivery of them at My Office.

His Majesty having been pleased to direct that the Surveys transmitted by you, and by the Surveyor for the Southern District should be reduced to One uniform Scale, and Copies made of them, as well for His Majesty's Use, as for the Use of the different Offices: It is His Majesty's Pleasure that Mr. Wright should be engaged in this Service, and that the Allowance / of 10/ P. Day proposed in the Estimate for a Deputy Surveyor, or should be paid to Him by the Agent here so long as he shall be employed therein.

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It is hoped that this usefull Work may be perfected in a few Months, when Mr. Wright will be ordered again to attend his Duty under You, and in the meantime you will continue your Surveys in the best manner You can with those other Assistants for whom Provision is made in the Estimate.

I am &c.ª / Hillsborough

[P 292] Endorsed Draft to Mr. Holland / Surveyor General in / the Northern District. / March 8th. 1768. / (N.º 2)

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District

Extract from Minutes at a Conference with the Six Nations and Delawares at Johnson Hall, May 2d 1765.

Sir William Johnson addressed them as follows,

Brethren,

The last, but the most important Affair, I have at this time to mention, is with Regard to the settling a Boundary between you and the English. I sent a Message to some of your Nations some time ago, to acquaint you, that I should confer with you at this Meeting upon it.

The King, whose Generosity and Forgiveness you have already experienced, being very desirous to put a final End to Disputes between His People and you concerning Lands, and to do you strict Justice, has fallen upon the Plan of a Boundary between Our Provinces and the Indians, (which no white Man shall dare to invade,) as the best and surest Method of ending such like Disputes, and securing Your Property to you beyond a possibility of Disturbance. This will, I hope, appear to you so reasonable, so just on the Part of the King, & so advantageous / to you and your Posterity, that I

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can have no Doubt of your chearfully joining with me in settling such a Division-Line as will be the best for the Advantage of both white men and Indians, and as shall best agree with the Extent and Encrease of each Province, and the Governors whom I shall consult upon that Occa-sion as soon as I am fully empowered: But in the mean time I am desirous to know, in what manner you would chuse to extend it, and what you will agree heartily to, and abide by in gener-al Terms. At the same time I am to acquaint you, that whenever the whole is settled, and that it shall appear you have so far consulted the encreasing State of our People, as to make any convenient Cessions of Ground where it is most wanted; that then you will receive a considera-ble Present in Return for your Friendship.

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May 4. 1765.

The Onondaga Speaker addressed Sir William Johnson as follows.

Brother,

We have heard what you told us con-cerning the Intentions of the great King about a Line between us and the English, and we have considered that such a Thing will be very necessary

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provided the White people will abide by it.

Brother,

The chief Cause of all the late Wars was about Lands; we saw the English coming towards us from all Parts, and they have cheated us so often, that we could not think well of it. We were afraid, that in a little time you would be at our very Castles: For this Reason we thank the great King for his good Intentions, and we hope he will make his People to keep within Bounds, which they have not yet done; We therefore agree, that a Boundary shall be fixed between us, and that it shall run from Fort Edward along to the Mohawk Castle, and from thence along the great Mountains to Harris's Ferry on the River Susquehannah, agreeable to what we have drawn here on a piece of Bark. [2 red]

a Belt.

Brother,

We have told you our Minds, if it does not please you, it is none of our faults; we were always ready to give, but the English don't deal fairly with us, they are more cunning than we are; they get our names upon Paper very fast, and we often don't know what it is for; We

would do more to please the King, but it is hardly in our power, and some of us dont like it, because we are so often imposed upon. One of our Nations is going to be cheated out of almost all the Land between the Mohawk and the big River by people at Albany, to whom they never publicely made any such Grant, nor ever received anything for it. We spoke to you once before about it, and here are their Chiefs now, who say that since they first heard of it, they were promised Justice by the several Governors at Albany long ago; [p. 209] / They have likewise spoke to you on 12 different Belts, and begged you would get Justice for them; but it is not done; they sent a Belt over to the King about it, but they have not yet had any Satisfaction. Brother,

You see how it is with us, if the English would be more honest, we should be more generous, and there would be Peace all through the Land; but it is hard, that one of our own Nations, who live so near you, and have suffered so much upon your Accounts, should be so greatly wronged; this makes us apprehensive, that the English will soon stretch their Arm over our Lands. We beg then that you will send

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our Belts to the King, and tell him how it is with us, and that we hope he will set us a good Example, and give the Mohawks their Land soon, before we settle any other Matters; for our Necks have been long stretched out to hear from him, and if we dont hear soon, some of our young people's Heads will begin to turn, and they wont regard what we say about Peace, they'll tell us it is not true; for if it was, our Confederacy would obtain Justice when they ap. -plied for it.

Meay 5, 1765.

Sir William Johnson addressed the Indians, Brethren,

Your Speech yesterday much surprized me, you appeared desirous to settle a Boundary between the English and you, and sensible of the Advantage of it, at the same time you have des. -cribed a Boundary which is ridiculous, & which shews me you dont mean what you say, and are not desirous to pursue what has been recom. -mended to you; neither does it proceed from your Ignorance, for you convinced me yester. -day by the Remarks you made on the great Map, that you are well acquainted with the

whole Country, and the Situation of all the places on the Frontiers: Notwithstanding which you have, in your Boundary, cut off a large Tract of Country, which you all know has been long since purchased / and settled; the Land is (1209) patented one hundred Miles beyond Fort Edward, and a great Distance beyond the Mohawk Castle, and the Line you make from thence to Harris's Ferry, instead of adding to, cuts off several Towns and Settlements, particularly in Pennsylvania, which you know has been fairly purchased and allowed of by you, and to which you can make no Claim. And you have taken no Notice of the other Governments.

The Affair of the Mohawks is of old standing, and I have never neglected it. I can prove by Papers I have here, that I laid it before Governor Colinton 15 years ago; and that at the grand Congress at Albany in 1754, I did what I could for the Mohawks, who were promised to have the Matter strictly examined into. There is a Patent for it, and it is not an easy Matter to break it. The Mohawks have given me infinite Trouble about it ever since the Report that it was to be surveyed; It has not as yet affected their Hunting, as it has never been

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surveyed or settled; and I have stated their
Complaints, and doubt not but / they will be [p 210]
redress'd. That is the only large Tract which
at present concerns them; and therefore I
am sorry to find you should make it an
Objection to the good Work which the King
recommends. — These things require much time
with white People. I have often recommend-
-ed patience to them, and I wish they would
follow my Advice, and not interrupt a Busi-
-ness which is of so great Importance.

I wanted only at present to know your
general Sentiments upon this Subject, and I
wish they had been more favourable, because it
would have been as much for your Interest as
that of the English.

To which the Six Nations then answer'd
Brother,

We have heard you with Attention, and
we are much obliged to you for shewing us what
is best for our Interest; We shall therefore take
it further into Consideration, because we are
willing to shew our good Disposition; / We hope [p 211]
our Behaviour on this Occasion will have a
proper Effect upon the great King, and induce
him to hearken to our Complaints. We dont

doubt but what you have done what you could for us, and we wish it may be taken Notice of; otherwise we must think ourselves greatly wronged, and our Minds cannot be at Peace. To morrow we shall answer you more particularly. and to your Satisfaction.

Then Thomas King addressed the several Nations.

Brethren,

I would advise you all to enter with Chearfulness into the Business your Brother Warraghiyagey has recommended to you, and to do it from your Hearts. Let us follow the Example of our Ancestors, whose Bones are now turned into Dust; they were wise Men and took Care of every thing that concerned peace; let us do the same, and let us make a Line for the Benefit of our [ours] Children, that they may have Lands which cant be taken from them, and let us, in doing that, shew the King, that we are generous, and that we will leave him Land enough for his People; then he will regard us, and take better Care, that his People do not cheat us.

May 6. 1765.

The Several Nations assembled to give their Answer.

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Present as before ——

The Onondaga Speaker addressed Sir William Johnson (first repeating all he had said to them at the former Congresses)

Brother,

We are now assembled to answer, what you said to us yesterday regarding the Boundary Line, concerning which we have not given you Satisfaction. We hope we shall now please you better, and we beg you will attend to our Answer, and pardon our Mistakes, and the Manner of our Expression, as we have always been accustomed to speak our Thoughts freely; the rather as we heard from the French, that you had Designs upon us, and we heard from you that they had the same; but of late we find you both had the like Motives. [p.213]

At length we have agreed together for ourselves, our Wives, & Children to make a Cession to the King of the Lands we shall now describe.

" Beginning at Owegy on the East Branch
" of Susquehanna; thence down the East Side of
" the River to Shamokin (or Fort Augusta); and
" runing up the west Branch of Susquehanna, on
" the south Side thereof; and from thence to Kittan-
" ning or Adigo on the Ohio; thence along down

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"the Ohio, to the Cherokee River; and up the same
"to its head, this Side." _____ upon Condu-
tion that you have some Regard for our War-
riors who always pass through that Country,
and give them always a free Passage; and we
are very happy in being all assembled here
[p. 214] both Sachems & Warriors / at this time, and not
as has been formerly the Case on such Occasions;
We can now all act together, as all should receive
a Share for what they ceded, by which it will
be preserved in our Minds.

We have never refused you Lands in
many places; we have given Proofs of our Friend-
ship, on which we have been promised a Recom-
pence, which we have not received.

We assisted your Army last Year, and
many of our People were forsaken and left to
famish, and we have been promised a large
Trade, and to fix Interpreters &c. at each post,
which is not come as yet. We beg you will con-
sider these Things, and have regard to your
Promises and our Requests, as we pay due Re-
gard to your Desires at present, that therefore you
will take these things into your Consideration,
and afford us a plentiful Trade, and proper In-
[p. 215] terpreters at the Posts, as you have / promised — it

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is in Expectation of this, that We have now agreed to Your Proposals, and for the Sake of establishing Tranquility. We therefore recommend it earnestly to You to consider what we have said, We have farther to add, that You will consider our hungry People will sometimes kill your Cattle and tread down your Corn; if they do so now; it may be worse, when we assemble all Nations, We therefore beg, that whenever you finally settle this Affair, and that all your Governors meet about it, You would appoint the Congress in some Place more remote, and that You would bring Provisions thither with You. The Request of the Traders shall be complyed with, and we shall agree to give them some Lands near Fort Pitt and also to Your desire concerning some Lands about the Forts for the Use of Your Garrisons.

Then Thomas King said, to the several Nations.

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/Brethereen,

I hope you will now remember what we have agreed to, and what your Brother has said, for we have now all, Men, Women, and Children, been Witness of this Transaction, which is done publickly; nor can it be said our Chiefs

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received any Bribes; therefore should we forget what is now done, it will be a great Reflection upon us, as none of us can with Truth deny it.

May 6, 1765.

Present, as before. ———

Sir William assembled all the Chiefs, and spoke to them concerning the Boundary Line, observing that they had not closed it properly to the Eastward, which was certainly highly Necessary.

The Onondaga Speaker answerid. ——

Brother,

We have attended to You, and we have already considered about [illegible] closing the Line, but we find it a difficult Matter to determine, as so many Tribes and Branches of our Confederacy have their Residence about the Susquehanna, we think to continue the Line up that River to Cherry Valley Lake, and from thence to the German Flatts would be very advantageous to you, because our Brethereen the Oneidas say you have no Right or Title on the south Side the Mohawk River above that place; however for the present we shall not extend the Boundary Line higher than Oswego; but when the Affair comes to be finally determined, we shall think farther about it.

Then Canaghquiesa said. ——

Brother,

You know that we are Owners of the Land Westward of the German Flatts, we hope we are not to be cheated out of it, but we have Reason to think oddly of it, As a German is gone to live at our large Field Oriska which is our Property, we beg you'l drive him off, for he has no Right to it; for we will know the / Lands we sold from the rest, and we tell [p. 2/8]
you this, because we would not do anything in it till we spoke to You about it. We think we are strangely dealt with; Our Fathers were asked to sell Farms, and whenever they agreed to it, the white People took Woods & all, which we knew nothing of, till we saw people coming into our Country. Brother, since that is the Case, let Us know what the white People claims, and we'll tell honestly what we sold.

Sir William answered ——

Brethren,

As I only wanted to know your Sentiments in General about a Boundary, I am content the Line remains for the present as far as you recommend. As to what you mentioned running to the German Flatts, it

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can not be agreed to; there are good Titles without that Line; What the Oniedas say about the Man at Oneida, I did not hear of it till now; if he is unjustly settled, he will remove on proper Warning. Whenever I can hear of your being wronged, I shall use my Interest to get Justice for you; but you would have much less Cause to complain, if your People would never meddle in Land Affairs without the Knowledge of the whole Nation. ——

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[cf. – "Documents relating to Col. Hist. of the State of New York Vol. VIII p. 55]

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Govrs of Quebec.
New York.
Pensylvania.
Nova Scotia.
Virginia.
N. Carolina.
S. Carolina.
Georgia.
East Florida.
West Florida.

I have the Satisfaction to acquaint You, that in consequence of a Report made to His Majesty by the Lords of Trade, the Plan for the Management of Indian Affairs adopted by the Superintendents has been fully laid before His Majesty

Upon mature Consideration of the present Regulations, the great Expence of the variety of Establishments far exceeding the Value of the Object; and the Difficulties which have attended the Execution of the Plan in general for want of a due Authority in the Superintendents, His Majesty has thought fit that it shall be laid aside; That the Regulation of the Trade shall be left to the Colonies, whose Legislatures must be the best Judges of what their several Situations and Circumstances may require; That the

Office of Superintendents shall however be continued, for such Matters are of immediate Negociation between His Majesty and the Savages and cannot therefore be regulated by Provincial Authority; And that the (p 230) Boundary-Line between the / Indians and the Settlements of His Majesty's Subjects(every where negociatid upon, and, in many parts settled, and ascertained,) shall be finally ratified and confirmed.

As the grounds and Reasons for these several Resolutions, are, in general, set forth in the Report of the Board of Trade, and as that Report will inform you, what will be expected and required of the Colonies, and what will hereafter be the Nature of the Office of Superintendent, I have thought fit to send you the inclosed Extract of such parts of it, as relate to these Objects; and I have it further in Command from His Majesty to acquaint you, that, in consequence of the Resolutions His Majesty has taken for the future direction of this Branch of His Service, He has given the necessary Orders to the Commander in Chief of His Forces, for the reduction of all such Posts in the interior Country as are not absolutely

necessary for Publick Safety in general, and for giving Protection and Facility to the Commerce of His Subjects; But as the Forts of Niagara, the Detroit and Missilimakinac do not appear to His Majesty to fall within this Description, / His Majesty has thought fit that [illegible] they shall be continued, and that a proper Naval Force shall be kept up upon the Lakes.

The Objects which upon this Occasion will principally demand the Attention of the several Colonies, are, to provide by the most effectual Laws, for preventing any Settlements being made beyond the Line that shall be agreed upon with the Indians, and for the controll and Punishment of those attrocious Frauds and Abuses which have been practiced by the Traders, and have been one principal Cause of the Disaffection of the Savages.

It is unnecessary for me to use any Arguments to shew how greatly both the Interests and Safety of the Colonies depend upon a close Attention to these Objects; and as many of the Regulations of the present Plan of Superintendency have evidently

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operated to the Benefit of the Trade, and to the giving that Satisfaction and con-
-tent to the Savages, by which alone the Co-
-lonies can hope to derive either immed-
-diate Profit, or lasting Peace, His Majesty trusts, that they will be adopted, as far as local Circumstances, and peculiar Si-
[p. 292] -tuations will admit, always having/re-
-gard to that freedom of Trade with the In-
-dians, which His Majesty has graciously granted to all His Subjects by His Procla-
-mation of 1763.

As the Execution of the Measures which His Majesty recommends to your Attention, will principially depend upon the Nature and Extent of the Reduction which the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces shall think proper to make, of the Military Establishments in the interi-
-or Country, His Majesty has given the neces-
-sary Directions that he should communi-
-cate to you as soon as possible, the Arrange-
-ments proposed to be made in respect to these Establishments; and His Majesty trusts, that after such Intimation no Time will be lost in carrying His Royal Intentions

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into full Execution.

I have the greatest Satisfaction in communicating to you His Majesty's Directions upon this Subject, as I conceive that His Majesty's gracious Condescention in committing the Regulation of these Important Objects to the Care of His Colonies, cannot but be very acceptable to Them.

I am &c.

Hillsborough.

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/ 13 This Paragh to be added to the Governors of Quebec & East Florida.

His Majesty is not insensible that His Governor and Council of Quebec, may not be competent to provide as effectually for the Objects recommended in this Letter, as in those Colonies where a more complete Legislature has been established: but His Majesty trusts from the ready Obedience which has on all Occasions been shewn by His Subjects in Quebec to such Regulations as have been made in

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Consequence of His Royal Instructions, that the Authority of His Governor and Council will in this case be sufficient until the Circumstances of the Colony shall admit of a more perfect Establishment.

[N.Y.Col.] Endorsed Drat. of Circular / April 15th 1768 / Entd.

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[a: "Documents relating to the Personal Destiny of the State of New York" 4, N. VIII. p. 57]

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(N°: 3) Whitehall April 15th: 1768.

Sir William Johnson.

Sir,

A like Letter to W.m Stuart beginning at this Mark. ×

In My Letter to you dated the 12th: Instant, N°. 2, I acquainted you that I hoped soon to be able to signify to you His Majesty's Pleasure with respect to that Branch of His Service which is under your immediate Direction, and × I have now the Satisfaction to tell you, that in consequence of a Report to His Majesty from the Lords of Trade the Regulations adopted by yourself and Mr. Stuart for the Management of Indian Affairs, have been fully laid before His Majesty.

Upon this Occasion His Majesty has considered, with the closest Attention, all that has been suggested upon this Important Subject, and tho' His Majesty applauds the Motives, & has seen with Satisfaction the good Effect of the present Plan of Superintendency, yet

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when His Majesty Considers that the main Object of its Original Institution which was evidently by regaining the Affection of the Savages, to combine their Force against a then powerful Enemy, is now greatly di-
[N 236] minished, V, / when added to this Considera-tion it is found to be attended in the Exe-cution with an Expence far exceeding the value of the Object, and with Difficulties, which from a variety of Circumstances at present existing in the State of the Colonies are in-surmountable, His Majesty does not hesitate to concur in Opinion with His Board of Trade, whose Report is herewith transmitted for your Information, that the laying aside that part of the Plan which relates to the Trade and entrusting the entire Management of that Trade to the Colonies themselves will be of public Utility and Advantage, as a means of saving the Expence which has hitherto attended it, and which in order to render it perfect according to Your Ideas, must have been very considerably augmented.

His Majesty has not failed upon this Occasion to give very full Attention to every possible inconvenience or disadvantage which

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can follow from this Arrangement, and this it is evident from the Experience of former Times that Our Interests with the Savages were greatly prejudiced by the Misconduct of the Colonies, and their (Neglect) Neglect of such Regulations as might have operated to prevent or punish the notorious Frauds and Abuses practiced by the Traders, yet His Majesty trusts that the Evils they experienced from such a Conduct will be a caution to them for the future, and that they will not fail to establish the Trade upon such a Plan, and under such Regulations, as, joined with the fixing a lasting Boundary Line between the Settlements of His Majesty's Subjects, and the Indian Country, and keeping up a Superintendency in Matters of a Political Nature by Officers under His Majesty's immediate Appointment which you will observe are essential parts of the present Arrangement, will have the Effect to regain the Affections, and restore the Confidence of the Savages.

It is not however to these Motives alone that His Majesty trusts for a proper

conduct in the Colonies, in respect to their Indian Interests; The reduction of all such Posts, and withdrawing all such Military Establishments as are not absolutely neces-sary to give Protection and Facility to the Trade of His Subjects, is a very important part of the System now to be finally adopt-ed, and consequently / such an Arrangement (p. 230)
cannot fail to induce in them a greater At-tention to their Safety, of which perhaps they have been hitherto the less careful, trusting to the Protection of those Forts and Establishments, the Security of which upon every Occasion of Rupture between the Colonies and the Indians became a pretence for involving this Kingdom in an enormous and ruinous Expence.

These Motives, Sir, together with the Consideration of the Security which the Colonies now enjoy, from the removal of the French and Spaniards from their most Important Possessions in America, have in-duced His Majesty to determine. ——

That, the Regulation of the Trade with the Indians shall be left to the Man-agement of the Colonies, and that all Es-tablishments incident thereto in the present

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Plan shall be discontinued, - That the Office of Superintendant shall be continued in Yourself and Mr. Stuart for all the purposes enumerated in the Report of the Board of Trade; and that Provision shall be made by a Stated Estimate for a Salary of 1,000 £ pr. Ann / to (1239) each, for an allowance, which is on no Account to be exceeded, of 3,000 £ pr. Ann for Annual or Occasional Presents and to answer all other Contingent Expences;

That the Line described in the Report of the Board of Trade, shall be ratified and confirmed in every part, and the Colonies required to enact the most effectual Laws for preventing all Settlement beyond such Line.

That the Forts of Niagara, Detroit Michilimacinac, be kept up and Garrisoned in such manner as the Commander in Chief shall think fit; and that such a Naval Force be maintained upon the Lakes, as he shall judge necessary for keeping up a proper Communication, and giving all reasonable facility and Protection to the Trade of His Majesty's Subjects

That all other Forts and Military Establishments, which the Commander in Chief shall not think absolutely necessary for Public Safety, and for keeping up proper Communications be reduced and withdrawn.

[p 246] / His Majesty is sensible how greatly the Efficacy and Success of such of these Arrangements as belong to your Department must depend upon a proper and careful Attention in carrying them into Execution, and upon the Discretion which shall be used in those Matters of local Detail which must necessarily attend so extensive a reform. — The Zeal and and Regard for His Majesty's Service and Interest, which have so eminently distinguished your Conduct upon all Occasions leave no doubt of your faithful Attention to this Business, in the Execution of which His Majesty has the fullest Confidence in your Ability and Discretion.

As both the time and manner of executing the Measures which His Majesty recommends to your Attention will principally depend upon the Nature and Extent of the reduction which the Commander in

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Chief of His Majesty's Forces shall think proper to make of the Military Establishments in the Interior Country; His Majesty has given the necessary Directions that he should communicate to / you as soon as possible, the Arrangements proposed to be made in respect to these Establishments, and His Majesty has no doubt that after such Intimation no Time will be lost in carrying His Royal Intentions into full Execution. [p 2 w]

I am &c.

Hillsborough.

Endorsed Draft to Sir Willm Johnson / and Mr. Stuart. [p 2 h 2]

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N°. 1. St Augustine June 24. 1768

May Lord

May it please your Lordship

I most humbly acknowledge the receipt of your Lordships Letters dadet Whitehall the 24 of February 1768 (Aug.) & arrivd at my house, whilst on a General Survey; permit me May Lord to express my congratulation to your Lordships preferment; may May Lord be attended with all Success in this high office & I be allowed to congratulate my Self of the honor I have to be both under your comand & protection. it gives me uncommon Satisfaction to hear the Gov. -vernents desire continuing for exact Discoveries of His Majestys Dominions partly hitherto not well known. having the honor to be intrusted with this Service, have not neglected to make in my excursions exact Discoveries as well of the Sea Coast, than the Inland Situation, the Latter in a peculiar manner aimd at in the Directions receivd from the Board of Trade; the Charts of the whole Sea Coast are Sent & receivd by the Board of Trade, wittness the letters I receivd from that Board to my Satis. -faction. I have Sence Sent home Three Sections of my Map; Copys taken from them in England

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I had oportunite to meet with here: I have with
my Last expedition accomplished the Survey of
St Johns River from its mouth to its Source with
all the Situation on that Space containd between
the head of Said River East to Cape Canjaberal
& North to its Embouchure; I Shall very Soon be
aible to transmit the Maap of it to your Lordship
full of assurance to prove as precise, than any
Survey ever made, & meet with Your high
aprobation. that no neglect may be on my Side
I Spare no pain, no Care, no time, non ex-
-pences for aides & Instruments, one of my in-
-vention for observations of Altitudes & Distances
is now constructing by Mr Adams in London. I
have measured with the Chain from the mouth
of St Johns River to its Source extending one De-
-gree fourty three minuts & Thirty Six Seconds
from North to South & a halfe Degree from West to
East, took with the greatest care a Solar obser-
-vation at St Augustine with a new astrolabe
[A 1534] Sent from London Eighten months passed, with
the Same instrument & care an other observa-
-tion near the head of St Johns River, which both
observations agreed with the Difference of Latitude
measured with the Chain, the only Sure method
to make exact Surveys & by far preferable to de-

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pendences on observations of either Moon or Jupiters
Satellites not allwayes to be seen, & when seen, a
Single observation on one Spot not to be trusted,
& repeated observations even agreeing do scarce fix
the Spot within two or three leagues to its true
distance from any other, when they come to be
measured with a comon measure, however in
ascertaining the Differences of Longitudes between
the meridian of London & any part in America
or the East Indies &c: a Deficiency of Such natur
is not very material, but would prove much So
in Short Distances, the Surest method therefore
is to begin & continue a Survey from one place
whose Longitude is fixed, in which case all places
by reason of so many observations will be liyable
to different more or less material ones to the great
confusion of the navigators, whose observations at
Sea even Solar, once ever so carefully & precisely
taken do never approach to that Minuthe of Land
observations. I will not attempt that impossibilite to
give a lively representation of the fatigues, tor-
ments of insects & Dangers obviating in this un-
inhabited part, nor the expences in obtaining the
necessary aides in an Infant province, also the im-
positions of those who take advantage of the Scar-
city of people in a departement where I have

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hitherto enjoyed no favor nor support but that of the Elements exposes me allways to uncertainties, So that I never can with assurance Say what bussiness I will execute for fear of meeting with [many] disapointments, to all these if added / the prolongation of the Service by waiting manny Days in one Spot for moons or Jupiters observations, would retard & render the Service intolerable to an unprofitable end in obtaining exact [distances.however] if your Lordships orders are for Doing so, I humbly beg this my remonstration may not be taken as an insinuation of inobedience, for I am resolved to exert besides Zeal & fidelity the utmost obedience as far as possible. I cannot stay t[ ] Bussiness upon the Atlantic to be finished by the accomplishment of that of the Sea coast, for the Inland leaves still a gre[ ]ey of unknown Situation, I will as hitherto fore & until [ ] make all possible Dispatches to finish & than proceed on to the coast agreable to your orders, humbly recommending [on] to Your Lordships protection I am most humbly & [respectfully

Your Lordships / most obed.t & most humble

[Copy in Pr. Gen.le] Serv.t Ffde Brahm

To the Earl of Hillsborough

[Pr. 1768] Endorsed St. Augustine 24th June 1768. / Mr De Brahm. / (No. 1) / Rd 12th September. / A 21.

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N. 2.) Pensacola 5th. June 1768

My Lord

Since the Absence of His Honor Lieut. tenant Governor Browne from this part of the Province nothing worthy the notice of Govern. ment hath happened here.

I beg leave to assure your Lordship that it gives the greatest pleasure to His Majes. -tys Subjects in this Province, to hear that His Majesty hath been pleased to recall it to your Lordships care His American Subjects. I hope We shall deserve your Lordships Attention and that West Florida will become valuable to Brit. -ain: From the many different Reports which have at times been propagated, some from prejudice, others from Party: it hath been yet difficult to give a just Account of the Lands of this Country: I hope when His Honor returns your Lordship will then re. -ceive a just Account of that part of the Province which He hath visited:

Many People from Virginia, have within these nine Months past visited this Province with a View of becoming Settlers, and give a great Character to the Lands on the Mis. -sissippi and part of Mobile River, where they

propose Settling as soon as time would permit them to bring their Familys: The Lands near the Sea Shore to the Eastward of Mobile Bay are very Sandy for a great / way back in the Country and are of little Value except for Tar and Pitch.

As there are many Settlers in the back parts of Virginia, who find themselves too far from the Sea Shore to send the Produce of their Labour to Markets and wish to become Settlers on the Mississippi, and Mobile River but have not sufficient means, to transport their Familys, It were to be wished, your Lordship would permit a small Vessel, to be hired at the Expence of Government; to transport these people and to be allowed Provisions during the Voyage, and two Months after their Arrival in their Settlement; People from the Back Settlements are generally good woodsmen, and better adapted for the Early Settlers of an Infant Province, than People who have never lived in America; The Colony of French were very unfit for Planters, or did they even understand, the Cultivation of Silk, or Vines; They are now reduced to a very small Number.

I hope Your Lordship will pardon

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the Liberty I have taken, in giving my
Opinion so freely, and believe that I am,
My Lord with Profound Respect
Your Lordships
most Obedient, and
most faithful Servant,
Elias Durnford.

Right Honorable Earl of Hilsborough

Endorsed Pensacola 5th June 1768/ Mr Durn- [Ir 406]
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[to Shelburne]

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Charles Town 10th February 1768

My Lord

In the Letter which I had the Honour of writing your Lordship the 3d october last, I submitted the Steps I had taken in Obedience to his Majestys Commands contained in Your Lordship's Letter of 19th February 1767; and the Situation of Indian Affairs in this District at that time. Immediatly afterwards I went to Georgia in Expectation of meeting the Creek Deputies, to Ascertain and Mark the Boundary Line between their hunting Grounds and that Province, but in a Talk which I received when I was there, they excused themselves for not comming according to their Appointment, by saying that they were invited to go and receive Presents from Governor Grant in East Florida. their Deputies will be at Augusta by the end of April to proceed upon that Necessary Service.

At Georgia I learned that the Murther at St. Marys River was not so bad as Appeared by the Affidavits Copies of which I had the Honour of Laying before your Lordship in my Letter of 3d october; but Two men were Actually Killed and one was Wounded. Some Principal

Indians from the Lower Creek Nation, who in Con-
sequence of Governor Grants Invitation were upon
their Journey to East Florida, returned to their Vil-
lages upon receiving Intelligence of said Murther,
so that as few or none of the principal Chiefs met
the Governor at Picolata the promises there made
by them of giving Satisfaction cannot be much
depended upon.

(1256) /During the Congress at Picolata, Mr. Mackin-
tosh, (Commissary) arrived in the Creek Nation,
with Talks to those Indians, and Instructions to
remind them of their Promises to do Justice and make
satisfaction for former as well as recent Insults and
Murthers committed by their People, and to Dem-
-mand a Number of Slaves who have run away
from their Masters in the Provinces of So Caro-
-lina and Georgia, and taken Refuge in the In-
-dian Villages: he was very well received and
gives me the Greatest Reason to hope that he
will be successfull and obtain restitution of the
Slaves: and I humbly conceive that all possi-
-ble means must be used to prevent an Inter-
course between the Indian Nations and the Slaves
in the Colonies, which may be attended with
very Dangerous and bad Consequences

Governor Wright has Satisfyed the Creek

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Indians for the Loss they sustained, in having their village of Oconee burned by some Inhabitants of the back parts of this Province, in July last: he has also commenced Prosecutions against the persons who were concerned in that Affair

At my Return here the 20th of November I found the Deputies from the Cherokee Nation, to negotiate a Peace with their Northern Enemies; the persons employed upon this Occasion are the most respectable and of greatest Consequence in that Nation, Ouconnastotah distinguished by the Name of the great Warrior Attah Kullah. Kullah commonly called the little Carpenter and the Raven of Nuwassee; They and their Retenue were about thirty in Number but I would not suffer more than Eight to proceed to New York [N 267] / to which place I procured them a passage by water, the Roads from their own Country being too much infested by parties of their Enemies. They reached New York safely, and proceeded to Sir William Johnson's, who has sent to Summon Deputies from the different Tribes to Treat with them early in the Spring.

In Obedience to Your Lordship's Orders I received my application to Lieutenant Governor

Teauquier on the Subject of running the Boun-
=dary behind his Province and the Land re-
=served by the Cherokees, and of making Satis-
=faction for Nine of that Nation Murthered by
the back inhabitants of Virginia in 1765: I have
now the Honour to lay before Your Lordship
Copies of Mr Teauquier's two last Letters, by which
it Appears that he has provided a quantity of
goods to satisfy the Relations of the Murthered
Indians, as the perpetrators of that horrid Action
cannot be brought to punishment, this Cannot
fail of having a good Effect and impressing a
strong Sense of our Justice on the Minds of the
Indians

The Commissaries in the different Na-
=tions are using their endeavours to introduce or-
=der and Observation of the late temporary Regu-
=lations amongst the Traders, and I am not with-
=out hopes that they will be attended with some
Success, as I receive all possible Assistance from
the Commander in Chief and Brigadier Gener-
=al Haldimand.

The Indian Tribes in this District are
[p. 2] in general well disposed to us. The Irregularities
committed by Parties of the Creek Indians, is Con-
=trary to the Sense of that Nation. In a late Talk

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to me from a Council of the Lower Creeks, they say, that They do all in their Power to restrain their Mad Young People, but if they do not succeed in preventing Disputes between them and our back Settlers, they hope we will not take it amiss, as we must be sensible that it is not in our Pow-er to restrain our Back Inhabitants from committing Violences and Irregularities.

The War between the Lower and Chactaws is Still carryed on much to the Advantage of the former who will not dis-lin to any Overtures of accommodation the Chactaws are much divided; the Competi-tion between the French and us for their Friendship during the late War, was the Cause of much Confusion and Bloodshed amongst them; the Remembrance of which and the Desire of Revenge can only be ef-faced by Time; and these differences are keept up by the Intercourse between the French Inhabitants of New-orleans and a part of that Nation Called the Six Villages, which hitherto has not been in our Power to prevent; but Brigadier General Haldimand has withdrawn the garrison of Fort Sandusky

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and progress establishing small Posts on the Rivers by which said Commerce is carryed on. Some Indians belonging to Said Villages lately insulted our Settlers on the Bay of (1239) Biloxy / A Party of the Creeks in October last, fell upon a Chickasaw Camp and Killed Six of them, mistaking them, as they pretended, for Chactaws; in January some Chickasaws attacked a Creek Camp, and in Revenge Killed ten and wounded Eleven of them. It is probable, this Matter will not be easily made up.

Mr Stuart my Deputy in West Florida has lately returned from a Progress through the Chactaw Nation. One of the Objects he had in Charge was to prepare their minds for the Evacuation of Tombeckby, he has not as yet furnished me with the particulars of his Transactions.

General Gage in a late Letter says that the Northern Tribes are much dissatisfyed with us and that great Confederacies were forming amongst them. I shall use my utmost endeavors to hinder the Contagion spreading in this District.

I have the Honour of being

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with the Utmost Respect

.My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient and

Most humble Servt

John Stuart

Endorsed Charles Town 10th Febry 1768. / Mr. (n 220)
Stuart. / Superintendant of the / Southern Dis.
.tract. / Rd. 29. April. / A. 9.

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[n. 2613]

Williamsburgh Novr. 21st. 1767

Sir

My former Letters are as I apprehend a full answer to yours, as far as relates to the part I think I ought to take in running a dividing Line between the Inhabitants of this Colony and the Cherokee Indians; and to the Indian Trade on which subject I have only to add that His Majesty has not given his Assent to the Bill to establish a Trade on a publick Stock so that it is left as open to any Adventurer that pleases to engage in it as ever it was. Indeed the Bill did not give an exclusive right to the Commissioners appointed to manage the Publick Stock.

The Gentlemen of the Council took that part of your Letter, which relates to the making a Compensation to the Cherokees for their Relations murdered on our Frontiers in the County of Augusta, into Consideration & seeing plainly that there is not the least probability of bringing the Offenders to Justice, have bought a Quantity of goods for that purpose which I shall send up & consign to the care of Mr. Cameron your Deputy among that Nation at

a proper Season of the year, There were Nine Indians murthered and we have calculated upon your plan of 500 lb Indian half dress-ed Leather per Head and have valued the goods by the Tariff sent in by you excepting in some Instances where the Traders Knew the different prices established between the Creek & Cherokee Indians in their respective Trades with us.

You will please to apprize the Indi-ans of our proceedings; in order to convince them that as it is not in our Power to do them the Justice they have a right to demand in one way, we are desireous to do it in the way that is in our Power That we may live like Brothers & Friends.

I am with great Regard

Sir

Your very Hble Servant

Signed Fran: Fauquier

(1766) Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Francis Fauquier Esq / To / John Stuart / 21st. Novemr 1767 / In Mr Stuarts of / 10th. Febry 1768.

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Williamsburgh 17 Sept.r 1767. [N 263]

Sir

I have before me your Two Letters of 11 April & 21st July the first of which I did not Receive till the 24 June, the last on the 15 August; and I hope a Long & dangerous Ill.-ness will plead my Excuse for not acknowledg.-ing them sooner. But I own I was the less Anxious about it as my Letters of 27 January & 6th May were an Answer to the principal Points contained in yours. I rejoiced to be in.-formed you had received them as the Oppor.-tunities of Conveyance from this Colony to Charlestown are so uncertain & precarious.

By what unfortunate accident I was in the dark as to the Sentiments of the Minis.-try by having never received His Majestys Royal Proclamation of 7 October 1763 nor Lord Shelburnes Circular Letter of 13 September 1766 till you furnish'd me with Copies & Extracts, I cannot pretend to Guess, but by some means or other they both miscarried.

In relation to the Indian Traders, tho I cannot restrain any one from engaging in it, as every one is free to undertake it that pleases, which seems to be the Sense of His Majestys

Ministers. I know of no Law to Restrain me from granting Licences to all who apply for them & this I shall at all times be ready to do, & every thing else which by Law I can do to regulate this Trade: for which you know we all jointly applied at the Breaking up the Congress at Augusta and I imagine all the Traders of this Colony will apply to me for such Licences when they find themselves under difficulties for want of them. In the mean Time you will follow your own Instructions as to the Restrictions you are Required to Lay them under.

It would not have been possible for me (p. 124) to have met Governor Tryon and the Cherokee Chiefs at the Running the Line; For I did not Receive your Letter to apprise me of the Time, till a Month after. But I did not think myself Authorized to do it, as I have received no Instructions relating to it.

As the management of That Nation of Indians is entrusted to you, I should think it advisable for you to shew the Ministry the Necessity of such a Boundary being fixed, between us & the Indians. Besides If I had been directed to have run it, I should have been at a Loss where to have

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begun because if Mr. Tryon has not run his Line Northward till it crosses the East and West Line dividing the two Colonies how should I have Known where to have taken the Line up to have continued it

I have mentioned in Council the making the Cherokees satisfaction for the Loss of their Friends murdered in this Colony, as we could not bring any of the Offenders to justice all the Gentlemen present which were but four, were unanimous it ought to be done, but as the Council Board was so thin, & much money was to be expended, it was thought prudent to postpone it for the Consideration of a fuller Council in October; which delay can be of no disservice as goods could not be procured and sent up till the Spring. As Soon as that Affair is agreed on I will most certainly give you Advice of it that you may Communicate it to the Cherokees the desire of this Government to give them all the Satisfaction in their Power

I am Sr. with great Regard

Your very Hble Servant

(signed) Fran: Fauquier

Endorsed Copy of a Letter from / Francis Fauquier Esqr. / (In 266)
To / John Stuart Dpt. 17th Septr. / 1767 / In Mr. Stuarts of - / 10th Feby. / 1768.

Answer from The Headmen of the Lower [p.269] Creek Nation to a Talk sent to them by John Stuart Esqr. Superintendant of Indian Affairs in the Southern District —

Tallichie Speaks

We Headmen here present one & all of us agree that the Talk from our Eldest Brother is a good one and We are glad to hear it. our Kings are but Young & they cannot Behave as they formerly did, but they will do their Endeavor to do it, & return Thanks to their Eldest Brother for his good Talk.

The Governor of Augustine has sent for a good many Headmen as if he had Known them all, If sickness does not prevent us we will go according to His desire.

As both a great many Red & White peo-ple's not Knowing the Line, causes disturbance, I Know that I am the Man that promised to Run the Line which I would have done but not having a Man that Knows the Land causes delay & being sent for by the upper Towns to go to War, They now have sent to stop it as soon as there is a Mouthfull of Young Grass in the Spring I will come & Run the Line I

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will Come to Mr Galphins in the Spring and I hope you will Excuse my Delay &. I Hope you will send somebody to Mr Galphins the last of April to meet me there.

Whenever the Virginia people (Back Set-tlers) are told by our people that they are over the Line &. if they dont Keep in the Bounds they will Burn their Houses, they make an-swer they will burn the Governors House over his Head. If The Governor cannot Keep these Virginia People under, how can we Keep our People under.

Then Spoke the Blue Salt

For my part I am continually Talking to our Young People to Keep them under &, I dont (corp) doubt but the / Governor does the same to His. If they hurt one another it is not the Headmens Fault I hope there will be no misunderstanding between us.

Then Spoke The Young Lieutenant

I talk to my People &. does what lies in my power to Keep them Quiet I am sure the Go-vernor does the same but it is to no purpose; If the Virginia People & them should fall out with one another, I Hope you will not Trouble yourself but let them alone.

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As the winter is now coming on & all the Young people are going out a Hunting. If they do mischief out of my sight I cannot help it I do all in my Power to prevent it

Given in the Chaw Square 19th Septemr 1767.

By Sallichie

Capt Meek

Young Lieutenant

Young Twin

Parachuchlas King

The Blue Salt & many other Headmen

Stephen Forrest

Interpreter

Endorsed Copy of a Talk from / The Lower Creeks / 19 Septr / 1767 / In Mr Stuarts of / 10th Febry 1768. [No. 42]

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(No 9817

Charles Town 7th. May 1768

My Lord

In my Letter of 10th February, I had the Honor of acquainting your Lordship that Ouccon-nestotah, Attakullakullah and Corrinnah, De-puties from the Cherokee Nation, to negotiate a Peace with their northern Enemies; having arrived here had embarked for and arrived at New York, and proceeded to sir William Johnson's where they were to confer with the Six Nations and Seven confederate Nations of Canada

On the 28th Ultimate Ouccounnastotah & Corrinna with two attendants, returned here from New York; having met and concluded Peace with the abovementioned Tribes, and Sir William John-son has sent me a Duplicate of the Covenant entered into and Subscribed by the Contracting Parties, to remain with me as a Testimony of that Transaction. At the same time he writes me that Attahkullakullah, had set out for Fort Pitt with a Strong Escort of Nor-thern Indians, his New Friends, to meet the Shawnese, Delawar, Mingo & Susquahannah Deputies, to treat with them under the Media-tion of Mr. Croghan his Deputy, and that he had no Doubt of Attahkullakullah's Success

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The two Deputies who returned here, ex-
press the greatest Satisfaction with their Success
in obtaining Peace, and seem perfectly sensible that
(p. 302) they are / endebted to the powerfull Protection of
their great Father the King, who ordered his Su-
perintendants to interpose their good Offices in their
Behalf. They set out for their Nation the 5th and
took leave of me with the warmest Expression of
Gratitude—

By Letters from the Cherokee Country the
21 and 28 Ultimate, I am informed that the Over-
hill Villages of that Nation continue to be har-
rassed beyond measure, by Parties of the western
Indians inhabiting the Banks of the Oubache,
who indiscriminately kill the white Traders
as well as the Indians: on the 18th they killed
and Scalped Mathew Forsythe &, Thomas Oliver
and Wounded Dread. Peace, Traders who were
looking for their Horses: a Party of the Cherokees
pursued the Ennemy, but did not overtake them.

The Cherokees complain much of Hunters
from Virginia who destroy their Game, On which
Subject they justly observe "that they are Hunters
"and when their Game is destroyed they must
"be greatly distressed, to prevent which they have
"ceded large Territories to their white Brethern to

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"plant and hunt upon, with which they hope we
"will be satisfyed. They have lately without Cere-
mony seized what Peltry and Furrs they found
in our Possession of such white Hunters as
they met with in their Grounds, but hurt no
body: they however say that the Northern
& Western Indians Kill many white People in the
Woods, which they are apprehensive will be charg-
ed upon them. Of all these Matters I have du-
ly acquainted General Gage & Mr Blair / Pre- [1:303]
sident of Virginia.

Several Families have lately emigrated
from Virginia, in order to settle on the Missis-
sippi; they went to the Cherokee River, thence
they proceeded by Water down the Stream; the
Cherokees represented the Danger of their Un-
dertaking and the probability of their falling
in with Parties of Western Indians who would
certainly Murther them; they however were de-
termined and set out from the Overhill Che-
rokee Towns the 17th Ultimate, of which I
shall also advise Mr Blair

The Creeks continue to be engaged
in a War with the Chactaws and Chickasaws,
Mr Charles Stuart my Deputy in West Florida
informs me by his Letter of 1st March that about

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Eight hundred of the Tuns last Nation were upon their Journey to Mobille to ask for a Supply of Ammunition, to enable them to make head against the first

The Creeks are incessant in their Appli-cations to the Cherokees, to join them against the Chactaws and Chickasaws, which I shall endeavour to prevent: such an Addition of Strength would render them too powerfull and they are already the most insolent Tribe in this District. there is very little Subordination among them, and their young men pay little or no Regard [to see] to the Authority of/their Seniors. Some of them have lately been at the Havannah, from whence they returned to their Nation richly Cloathed: it is said that they invited the Spaniards to make a Settlement on Appalachicola River, being very sensible of the Advantage that for-merly resulted to them, from the Competition between us and that Nation for their Friendship.

The Creek Deputies have been for some time expected at Augusta, to Mark the Line behind Georgia, and Governor Wright has Ap-pointed Commissioners, who are now waiting for them to proceed upon that Service. Some Creeks who were lately in the Cherokee Lower

Towns Expressed great animosity to our back Inhabitants, and used many Artifices to alien.ate the Friendship of the Latter from us. which was immediatly communicated by the Cherokee Chiefs; but this proceeds from the restless disposition of Individuals, and not from any Inclination in the Nation in gener.al to break with us.

Brigadier General Haldimand in a Let.ter of 1st March acquaints me that the Evacua.tion / of Fort Tombeckby is Effected without [P. 305] giving any Umbrage to that Nation.

The 2d Ultimate I received a Letter from John Blair Esqr President of Virginia, covering a Copy of your Lordship's Letter of 14th November last, containing his Majesty's Orders relative to the Continuation of the boundary Line behind Virginia; concerning which Service I dispatched immediatly Directions to Mr Camer.on Commissary in the Cherokee Nation to make those Indians acquainted with his Ma.jesty's said Orders, and to agree upon a cer.tain Time for their Deputies to meet the Com.missioners of Virginia at Colonel Croswell's mine, in order to proceed upon said Service. This Matter I communicated to the Cherokee

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Warriors at their Return from New-York which
gave them great satisfaction

I have the Honour of being with
the Utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most obedient and

Most humble Servant

John Stuart

NB Addressed to the Earl of Shelburne

[1.35K] Endorsed Charles Town 7th May 1768/ Mr Stuart./
Rd 22nd June / R 15

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(N°. 4) Whitehall July 12th. 1768. [N.H.03]

Mr. Stuart.

Sir,

I have received and laid before the King your Letter to Lord Shelburne dated the 22d of May last.

It has given His Majesty great Satisfaction to find, that the Convention at New York for negociating a Peace, between the Northern Indians & the Cherokees has been so happily concluded; His Majesty trusts from the Experience He has had of your Zeal & Ability, that this Peace will be productive of general publick Advantage; & is not without hope, that the same Attention on the Part of His Superintendants, which has produced so favourable an Issue in this case, may also engage the Cherokees & Western Indians in the same Bond of Peace, & put a Stop to those mutual Ravages which are so prejudicial to both.

It is evident, from the Description / you give of the present Temper & Conduct of the Creeks, that it is good Policy to use every means to prevent the Cherokees [p.2]

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from assisting them in their War with the Chactaws & Chickasaws. the King therefore approves the Steps you have taken upon this Occasion, & I have His Majesty's Com-mands to recommend to you to be particu-larly careful & attentive to what passes in the Creek Nation, not only on this Account but from what you represent to have hap-pened, in consequence of the Visit some of the Chiefs have made to the Havanna — This Transaction appears to His Majesty to be of a very extraordinary Nature, & to lead to a Correspondence & Connexion equal-ly dangerous & unwarrantable; & there-fore it is the King's Pleasure that You do make the strictest Enquiry & procure the best Intelligence you can of the Means through which this Correspondence, / be-tween the Creeks & the Spaniards, has been opened, & report the same to me for His Majesty's Information.

[illegible]

His Majesty is well pleased with the Steps that have been & are prepar-ing to be taken for finally fixing the Boundary Line with the Indians in every Part, & is very glad to find that

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His Royal Instructions & Directions, in respect to this Matter, have given Satis-faction to the Cherokees, who are so greatly interested therein.

I am &c.ª

Hillsborough

Endorsed Draught to Mr / Stuart Super-intendant / for the Southern / District-/ Whitehall July 12th 1768. / (No 14) / Entd (sic) [in wch.]

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(. V 1) [Pl42.3]

Charles Town 14 July 1768

May Lord

The 27th Ultimate I was honoured with your Lordship's Letter of 23 January.

I begg Leave most cordially to congratulate your Lordship; on your being appointed by his Majesty, one of his Principal Secretaries of State, in which important Station the Bussiness of his American Colonies, form your Lordship's Department.

It must give every Officer employed by his Majesty in America the greatest pleasure to see the Management of American Affairs entrusted to your Lordship of whose great Abilities, such proofs have often been experienced and I take the Liberty to Assure your Lordship that none of them has more Sincerely interested himself in that happy Event than I have.

The Plan for the future Management of Indians formed by the Right Honble Board of Trade, when Your Lordship presided at it; has constantly been the Light, by which I have Steered my Course, in conducting the Affairs of the Department, which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to entrust to my

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leave; and as I cannot conceive a better or more
[p.4122] proper Manner of transacting said Business
than is therein pointed out; I shall continue
to Regulate my Conduct by it, untill I shall
be honoured with further Instructions from your
Lordship to which I shall pay the Utmost Attention

I am truly sensible of the Honour done me
by your Lordships Assurances of laying my Des-
patches before his Majesty, and of forwarding and
assisting my Measures for the Publick Service,
for which I begg Leave to return my most unfeign-
ed Thanks, and at the same Time I assure your
Lordship, that Nothing will prove so effectually
conducive to my Happiness as your Lordship's
approbation of my Endeavours to promote his Ma-
jesty's Service, by faithfully discharging the Du-
ties of my Office

I have the Honour of being with the
Utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

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Most humble Servant

John Stuart

[p.4126] Endorsed Charles Town 14th July 1768. / Mr. Stuart /
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(N 2) Charles Town 11th July 1768 (1767?)

My Lord

I had the Honor of writing fully to the Earl of Shelburne, the 7th of may last copy of which I now lay before your Lordship

The Creek Deputies for Marking the Boundary Line behind Georgia, with the Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Georigia and my Deputy Mr Mackintosh set out upon that important Service from Augusta in Georgia the Sixth Ultimate, Some difficulties occurred which were Obviated by Governor Wright, and I have the pleasure to Learn that the whole was Completed as far as the Altamaha, to the Mutual Satisfaction of the Parties. I am not as yet furnished wth my Deputies Report.

The Cherokee Indians have Appointed the 25th October for meeting the Virginian Commissioners for marking the Line behind that Province, they will be attended by Mr Cameron Commissary in their Nation who upon that occasion will act as my Deputy

The Line behind Virginia ascertaining their Bounds from the Claims of the Cherokee Indians, will begin where that behind North Carolina terminates and proceed

in a Straight Course to Chiswell's mine on the Great Conohway, after which; said River to it's Confluence with the Ohio will Deter. -mine the Cherokee's Lands. Sir William Johnson does not propose to let the Six Nations extend their Claims to the Southward of the Great Conohway where it falls into the Ohio

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/By this Disposition there is a very great Territory reserved for the Cherokees, much more than, even as Hunters, they have occasion for: And If His Majesty Approve, I can with little Difficulty and Expence obtain from them a Cession of all the Land, between the Conohway and the Cherokee Rivers, by Running their Line N W from Col Chiswell's Mine to the Confluence of the Catawba River with the Ohio. I must Re. -present to Your Lordship that in Order to Ob. -tain such a Grant their Headmen must be convened, and they must have some Pre. -sents; the whole of which may be Effected for £1200 Sterling. I think it my Duty to Submit this Matter to Your Lordship previ. -ous to my taking any steps in it, and I shall accordingly wait for Your Lordship's Orders

After the Line behind Virginia is finished none will remain unmarked but

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that behind the Two Floridas The War between the Creeks and Chactaws prevents the Accomplish.ment of that in West Florida, and Governor Grant thinks his Limits too narrow, according to the Stipulation at Picolata in 1765, and for that Reason wishes to postpone it for some time Longer.

The Creeks are unwilling to make large Cessions on that side, they Consider East Florida &, the Country between Augustine &, their Nation, as their most Valuable hunting Grounds, being remote from any Enemy, and well Stocked with game

The Indian Nations throughout this District are very pacifick with Respect to us, but there is no prospect of Accommodation be.tween the Chactaws Chickasaws &, Creeks.

/I this Day set out for Georgia to [illegible] Meet the Creek Deputies who wait for my Arri.val, from whence I shall have the Honour of writing Your Lordship

I have the Honour of being with the utmost Respect

My Lord / Your Lordships

Most obedient and

Most humble Servant

John Stuart

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(N.47)

(N.5.) Whitehall. 15th. Sept. 1768.

Mr Stuart.

Sir,

On the 12th. instant I had the Satisfaction to receive by the Grantham Packet, your Letters to me 1, 2, & have laid them before the King.

His Majesty has observed with Approbation the Attention you have given to that important Branch of His Service entrusted to your Care, & sees with satisfaction the happy fruits of it, in the present State of Indian Interests in the southern Department.

By my Dispatch to you N. 2, you will have been fully informed of the Measures His Majesty has thought fit to adopt in respect to the future Management of Our Commerce and Connections with the Savages, & His Majesty has an entire Reliance on your Zeal and Ability for carrying those Measures into Execution in such a Manner as that the Southern Colonies may reap those Advantages and derive that Security, which are the Objects of the Plan. (N.48)

What you have already done towards settling the different boundary Lines does entirely correspond with His Majesty's Intentions, and His Majesty is not without hope to find by the next Letters from you, that this Part of the Plan has been fully completed.

The King is well pleased to find that there is a Disposition in the Cherokees to surrender to His Majesty the Lands on the south Side of the Ohio, as far as the Catabaw River; but as you say the Session cannot be obtained without a considerable Expence, and as the extending the Western Limits of Our Colonies beyond the Line fixed by the Proclamation of 1763, leaves ample Room for extension of Settlement for a long time to come, His Majesty does not think it either necessary or advisable to enter (for the present at least,) into any Negotiation of this Nature.

I am &c.ª

Hillsborough

[Aug.] Endorsed Drat of Letter to / Mr. Stuart / Sept.r 15.th 1768. / (N.o 5)

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(N°. 3.) Whitehall Septber. 15th. 1768. [Circular]

Mr. DeBrahm.

Sir,

By the Grantham Packet which arrived a few Days since, I had the satisfaction to receive your Letter N°. 1, and having laid it before The King, I have only in command from His Majesty to express to you His Approbation of your diligence and attention in the Service entrusted to you and to recommend to you to proceed with all convenient dispatch in the Survey of the Western Coast of East Florida on the side of the Gulph of Mexico conformable to the Instructions you have already received.

I am &c.a

Hillsborough

Endorsed Draft to Mr DeBrahm / Septber. 15th. [Circular] 1768. / (N°. 3.)

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preventing all Settlements beyond such Line

That the Forts of Niagara Detroit & Michilimackinac, be kept up and garrisoned in such manner as the Commander in Chief shall think fit, and that such Naval Force be Maintained upon the Lakes as he shall judge necessary for Keeping up a proper Communication, and giving all reasonable Fa. (P.S.M.) -cility and Protection to the / Trade of his Ma. -jesty's Subjects.

That all Forts and military Establish. -ments which are not thought absolutly necessary for publick Safety and for keeping up proper Com. -munications be reduced and withdrawn.

I begg Leave to assure your Lord. -ship of my utmost Care and Attention in carrying these Arrangements into Execution, so far as they belong to my Department; and in faithfully discharging the Trust which his Ma. -jesty has been graciously pleased to repose in me

His Majesty's Determination to Continue me in the Office of Superintendant, and His Royal Approbation of my Conduct as expressed in your Lordship's Letter Surpass my most San guine Hopes & Ambition, at the same Time they call for every Demonstration of Gratitude

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and Duty, which I shall endeavor to Evince by the most assiduous Application to my Business and Attention to His Majesty's Interest

I have the honour of being with the Utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most obedient and

Most humble Servant

John Stuart

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[A.5.15]

N° 3 / Charles Town 15th September 1768.

My Lord

In Consequence of his Majesty's Orders signified in Your Lordship's Letter of 15th April I have Notified to all the Officers Employed in Managing the Indian Trade in this District, that their respective Offices and Salaries are to cease on the first Day of November next, and I have taken the necessary Steps ultimately to finish all Transactions and close all Accounts till that Time: of which I have acquainted the Commander in Chief of His Majty's Forces in America, and the Different Governours.

Your Lordship's Letter, and one from General Gage of the 25th June (of which the inclosed is a Copy) arrived here the 18th July, and I had the Honour of receiving them in Savannah, the 22d. I lost no Time in writing to Captain Fraser, who then commanded three Companies of the Royal Americans in this Province, upon the Subject of the General's Letter; and as soon as a person could be found to go, I sent an Express to the Cherokee Nation, with Letters, to my Deputy, the Officer commanding the Fort and the Cheifs: of which I inclose Copies; but Captain Fraser having on the 21st dispatched his Orders for

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evacuating the Fort at an hours Warning, said Evacuation was effected some Days before my Letters reached. The Indians were exceeding ly alarmed at so unexpected a Measure, but my Letters in some Degree quieted them; as I had [p. 516] not heard from Captain Fraser, & / was not-apprised of the Intention of this Goverament relative to dismantling or garrisoning said Fort I knew not what to say upon that head to the Cherokee Cheifs.

Notwithstanding my Message to the Indians and altho my Deputy was fortunately at Fort Prince George when Captain Fraser's orders reached it; they could not be satisfyed without despatching one of their principal Warriors to know the Truth from me; Saluij called the Young Warrior of Estatoy, who conducted the late War with this Province, arrived here the 1st Current for that Purpose He said that Papers might be Counterfeit but in what he should hear me say there could be no deception. He set out for his Nation the 9th Current well Satisfied as to himself but said that his Cheifs and Warriors were Anxious to see and talk with me upon that and other Matters. The precipitate Manner in which the Garrison was

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withdrawn, without any previous Intimation or Reason assigned might well have Alarmed a less Ignorant and jealous People than Indians.

On the 1st August I despatched an Express through the Creek Nation, to Pensacola, with Instructions to my Deputy there, for his Government relative to the Evacuation of the Ports on the Mississippi and in East Florida, which I have Reason to hope would arrive there in good Time, and I wrote to General Haldimand upon the same Subject by said Opportunity.

On the 25th Instant I propose to Set out for the Frontiers of this Province, in order to meet some of the principal Cherokee Chiefs from the 3d October.

The Objects of the proposed Meeting are. To ratify the Cession of Land, by them to His Majesty, in the two Carolina's and Virginia, agreable to the Orders contained in Your Lordships Letter, and the Line Marked by the Lords Commissioners of Trade. To Satisfy said Indians fully with Regard to the Evacuation of Fort Prince George To acquaint them of the New Arrangement respecting the Trade, and to enquire into the Cause of some misunderstanding between the frontier Inhabitants and said Indians;

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for which last purpose I propose to ride along the Line, after finishing with the Cherokees.

I afterwards am to proceed to the Frontier of the Province of Georgia, where I expect to be met by Persons deputed by the upper and Lower Creeks, with whom I propose to transact the like Bussiness relative to the Lines behind the Two Floridas and Georgia, &c. and as the Young Warrior informed me that he had lately received some very inflamatory Messages from the Creeks, I propose to carry him with me and enquire particularly concerning said Messages.

I shall afterwards as soon as possible perform the same Service with the Chactaws & other Tribes—

The Lower Creeks have appointed two of their principal Chiefs to compleat marking the Boundary Line behind Georgia, the End of this Month. They now blame my Deputy who attended them last time, to whose warmth of Temper, they impute their having [p.518] gone away abruptly / without finishing what they came for; I shall take care to send a proper Person with them now. Governor Wright Omitted sending Commissioners from his Province

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last time.

These, My Lord, are the Steps which I have taken and propose to pursue, and I shall be extremly happy if they meet with your Lordship's approbation, and are deemed agreable to His Majesty's Royal Intentions and Instructions

I have the Honour of being with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordships

Most obedient and

Most humble servt

John Stuart

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[to Hillsborough]

[p.558]

N° 3) Charles Town 16th. August 1768

My Lord

I have the Honour of sending your Lordship herewith a Duplicate of my Letter of 14th ultimo., in which I discovered an Error, where I say, "If his Majesty approve, I can "with little Difficulty and Expence obtain "from them a Cession of all the Land be- "tween the Connahway & Cherokee Rivers," I meant to say "between the Cannahway and Catawba Rivers and I have accordingly Alter- ed it in the Duplicate.

Some days ago, I received p Express, a Letter from Mr Blair President of the Council in Virginia in which he signifies his appre- hensions that, the Commissioners from his Province cannot be in time to meet the Chero- kee Deputies at Chiswell's Mine the 25th Octo- ber, I have therefore appointed the 10th of Novem- ber for the time of meeting, when the Cherokee Deputies will certainly be there. This Delay, Mr Blair says, is owing to Sir William John- son's Indisposition, which had retarded his proposed Congress with the Northern Tribes, to agree upon the Boundary Line — The prin- cipal Intention of Mr Blairs Express was to

know how the Cherokee Deputies are to be
Supplyed with provisions at Col Chiswells Mine;
[p.55b] My Lord, I have always / considered marking
the Boundary Line, after agreed upon, as a
Provincial Service, the Expence of which the
Respective provinces are to defray, which has
been done by Georgia and the two Carolinas,
of which I acquainted Mr Blair; in the Mean
time I shall take care that such an Impor-
tant Service, be not obstructed for want of Pro-
visions for Thirty Indians, for a few Days;
the Expence of which cannot much exceed the
Charge of sending the Express here from Virginia.

On my arrival at Savannah in Geo-
gia the 22d ultimate I was much surprised,
and disappointed to understand that the In-
dian Deputies had left about 36 miles of the
Boundary Line behind that Province unmark-
ed, and had returned to their Nation in some
Disgust. They assigned as a Cause for their leav-
ing the Business they were about unfinish-
ed, that the Presents given them by order of
Governor Wright at Savannah were of an Ex-
treme bad Quality: They however sent me
a Message from the Frontiers not to be Offend-
ed or alarmed, for that they would return in

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october and Finish the Bussiness. Governor Wright ordered a quantity of Rum and paint to be sent after them into the Creek Nation to replace what they complained of, and at the same time sent them a Message in which I joined with him

I propose meeting said Deputies, as [p.337] well as Several other principal Men of the Upper and Lower Creek Nation at Augusta in Georgia, about the end of October next.

I have the Honor of Being with the utmost Respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's

Most obedient and

Most humble Servant

John Stuart

Endorsed Charles Town. So. Carolina / 16th. [p.658] August. 1768. / Mr. Stuart. / (No. 3) / Rd 5th. November / A 30 / Entd.

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[to Hillsborough]

(Cr 591)

N°. 6/ Charles Town 15 September 1768

My Lord

I have now the Honor of laying be-
-fore your Lordship the Arrangements which
I humbly conceive to be necessary for conduct-
-ing the Business of the Department, which
His Majesty has been graciously pleased to
commit to my Care ... viz

That two Deputies be constantly employ-
-ed, one of whom to reside in West Florida to
manage the Affairs of the Chactaws and
Chickasaws, and the Small Nations on the
Mississippi; the Other to assist the Superin-
-tendent, in transacting Businiess with the
Cherokees Creeks and Catawbas.—

That these Deputies shall be ready
upon all Occasions, to go upon any extraordin-
-ary Duty, when ordered; and that the ordin-
-ary Duties of their Office shall be to visit the
Indian Nations, and report upon their Situa-
-tions, with regard to each Other and their Dis-
-positions to us; to learn their Designs and
hear their Complaints and Grievances, as
well as to demmand Satisfaction & obtain
Redress for Insults and Irregularities com-
-mitted by the Indians

That an Intelligent Person be retain-
ed in each Nation who shall understand
the Language of such Nation, so as to serve
occasionally as an Interpreter to deliver Mes-
[illegible]sages sent to, and receive Messages from the
Indians; that such Person shall not be hin-
dered to Trade, and shall have a small An-
nual Salary and be Allowed extraordinary
pay when ordered to attend any great meeting,
when attending the Deputies or sent upon any
extraordinary Duty.

An Interpreter of the Chactaw and Chicka-
saw Language to be established at Mobile,
at a Certain allowance who shall act under
Direction of the Deputy there and attend him
upon all Occasions.

I shall accordingly retain such Officers
to be paid out of the Sum provided by Esti-
mate till his Majesty's Pleasure can be known.

I also humbly submit to your Lordship
if it may not be necessary for His Majesty's Ser-
vice; that the Traders be instructed by the
respective Governors to Attend the Superinten-
dent, when summoned to any general Meeting
of, or Interview with the Indians of the par-
ticular Nation in which they trade.

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That as there are no Posts garrisoned with his Majesty's Forces in the Indian Countries, or on the Frontiers of any Province within this District; an Escort or Guard of the Militia of such Province where the Superintendent shall happen to be, May be ordered to Attend any Congress or meeting with Indians, to be held therein, for any of the Purposes enumerated in the Report of the Lords Commissioners of Trade—

That upon Complaint from any Indian [n.sq.] Nation to the Superintendent of Encroachments on their Lands, Irregularities or Abuses committed by the back Inhabitants, or by the Traders the Superintendent may be instructed, to whom he is to represent such Complaint, in Order to obtain Redress immediatly, without troubling Your Lordship—

I begg leave humbly to Submit to Your Lordship if it may not be proper to ascertain the Jurisdiction that shall henceforward be exercised, by the respective Governors beyond the boundary Line now to be ratified.

I hope your Lordship will pardon the Liberty I have taken in humbly submitting these Matters to you, as Doubts concerning

them have occurred to me, and my desire to act properly suggested the expediency of my laying them before your Lordship.

I have the Honor of being with the utmost Respect.

. My Lord.

Your Lordships

Most obedient and

most humble Servant

John Stuart

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(A.595)

Charles Town 15th September 1768

Sir,

As I am now entering upon the discharge of my duty as Superintendant, agreeable to the Arrangements pointed out in the report of the Right Honble the Lords Commissioners of Trade of 7th. March, which in the Earl of Hillsborough's Letter of 15th. April, I am Strictly enjoined to regulate my conduct by and to carry into Execution; I think it incumbent upon me to acquaint your Excellency and his Majesty's other Governors in the Southern District, Officially; that in Consequence of said report and his Majesty's Injunctions contained in the Secretaries of States Letters, I have notified to all the Officers which were employed in the management of the Trade from the different Provinces to the Indian Tribes in this district; whilest the Same was under my direction that their respective Offices and Salaries are immediately to Cease, and I shall as Soon as possible inform the Indian Nations, that by his Majesty's Command the management of the Trade reverts to the Colonies.

I shall as Soon as possible ratify and confirm the Boundary Line dividing the different

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Provinces from the Lands reserved by the Indians, agreeable to the report of and as marked by the Lords of Trade and for that purpose I shall set out to meet the Cherokees the 26th. Inst. and after renewing Ancient Covenants, and entering into the necessary Treaties with them as directed, I shall embrace the earliest opportunity of performing the like Services with the other Tribes.

I shall ratify the Cession of Land behind your Excellency's Province of East Florida, (n 594) / Agreeable to the Treaty at Picolata with the Lower Creeks as directed by his Majesty; and when it shall become Necessary for me to enter into any Provisional Treaty with said Nation for a further enlargement of Territory in your Province, till his Majesty's pleasure can be known; I shall pay the greatest attention to any Advice or opinion, that your Excellency and your Council shall be Pleased to give.

As by the report of the Lords of Trade and orders which his Majesty has been graciously pleased to give thereupon his Majesty's Service referring to the general Interests of the Indians independent of their connexion with any particular Colony; such as the renewal

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of ancient Compacts or Covenant Chains; the reconciling differences and disputes between the different Tribes: Treating with Indians for the Surrender of Lands, not within the Limits of any Province; the Calling Meet-ings and Interviews for these and other general Purposes; is Solely entrusted to the Management of the Superintendents, under his Majesty's direction; I shall Act therein agreeable to the Instructions I have received, and the Power I am vested with, accord-ing to the best of my Judgment.

Upon the whole the different Du-ties of the Governors and Council, & of the Superintendants, with regard to Indian Af-fairs, are so clearly and distinctly pointed out in the report and Letters referred to; that, if attended to, no Clashing of Au-thority can possibly arise, by which His Majesty's Service may be impeded; and I have great Pleasure in a Consciousness of my own Inclination, to Maintain that har-mony with his Majesty's Governors, which (Page 977) ought to Subsist between Officers, honoured with great Trust by their Sovereign, and deriving their Authority from the same

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Fountain.

I have the Honor of being respectfully

Sir

Your Excellency's

most obedient and most

humble Servant

Signed) John Stuart

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(N°. 7.) Whitehall 10th. Decr. 1768. [C.599]

Mr. Stuart.

Sir,

Your dispatch to me N°.6 has been received and laid before the King, and His Majesty has commanded me to communicate it to His Board of Trade for their consideration, as well of those parts which relate to the several Offices you propose to establish, as of those which relate to the Instructions you recommend to be given to the several Governors within your district upon the points you mention: It will be difficult however to form any certain judgment of the fitness of the first part of your proposition, without knowing the Salaries you intend to allow the Officers you recommend; upon which subject I shall expect to hear from you more fully by another opportunity; but I must not omit to acquaint you, that no appointments or expences will be approved, that shall in any case create an Exceeding of the Sum estimated for your Department.

I am &a

Hillsborough

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[to Hillsborough]

N: 2. St. Augustine in East Florida Octo.br 12, 1768 (A603)

My Lord

In my last Letter I had the Honor to write Your Lordship N: 1. I undertook to trans.mit a compleat Map of the River St. Johns & Chart of its Sea Coast in this province; as I have now brought this Map to perfection, I beg leave to transmit it to your Lordship, hop.ing it will meet with your approbation; as to its truth & History Your Lordship may de.pend on, as I have Spared no pains nor ex.pence in getting it executed with the great.est exactness I hope Your Lordship will excuse my not Securing it either with Linnen or Silk, as the want of proper people to do it in this place will I hope be a sufficient apology to Your Lordship for me

I am in readiness & have been wait.ing several weeks for a proper Season to Set out by Sea to the keys & gulff of Spirito Santo but the weather is so uncertain & inconstant, that I should be able to make but a poor hand at Surveying. I therefore beg leave to assure your Lordship, that as Soon as the weather begins to be Settled I Shall immedi.ately Sett out on that expedition in order, that

I may be able to send your LordShip the Maps & Charts thereof, which when I have finished I will immediatly send to you, in the mean time I beg leave to put my Self [illegible]/under Your LordShip's Protection & to assure Your LordShip that I am on all occasions

May Lord

Your Lordships most obdt & most humble Servt

W. G de Brahm

To the Secretary of State
for America

[illegible]Endorsed St Augustine in East Florida / 12th October 1768 / Mr De Brahm / (N° 2) / Rd 28th Decr / A 33